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AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte DONALD STYLINSKI, MICHAEL SHARP and DAVID J. WHITE

Application 09/950,097

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 4, 2007. The application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being electronically returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

An examination of the Image File Wrapper (IFW) reveals that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on December 24, 2003. It is not apparent from the record whether the examiner considered the

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statement submitted or notified appellants regarding why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A communication notifying appellants of the Examiner's consideration is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) for consideration of the IDS filed December 24, 2003, and notification to appellants regarding the Examiner's consideration; and
 - 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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